



***The Voice of Malheur County***

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## **MALHEUR ENTERPRISE 2019 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING INTERNSHIP**

The Malheur Enterprise is a weekly newspaper published in a small, remote county of Oregon. The county it serves -- the size of several states -- is agricultural and poor. The Enterprise is not your typical small-town weekly, however. This is a newspaper that thrives on competition and invests heavily in investigative and enterprise reporting that makes news and there is plenty of both to be done.

### ***Terms of the internship:***

This is a 10-week internship that pays a \$4,500 stipend via bi-monthly salary. The length of the internship, however, is not set in stone. The internship begins around June 15, but the start date is flexible. The intern is treated as a full-time employee of the Enterprise.

### ***What you get:***

You will get top-class coaching in journalism under a program crafted for the intern chosen, matching interests of the intern with the needs of the newsroom. The accompanying memo tasked last year's intern and gives you a sense of the structure and organization.

### ***What we get:***

We expect quality journalism within the skill level of the intern. Having an intern on our news staff gives our other reporters a chance to take a break. More importantly, the internship allows us to pass along the high standards and ethics so needed in the journalism profession.

### ***Qualifications:***

This internship is open to current juniors and seniors. We are looking for a demonstrated interest in investigative/enterprise reporting that we can help develop. The intern, however, will be part of the newsroom team and as such help with breaking news and other assignments.

### ***What to do:***

- Research the Enterprise and its publisher, Les Zaitz. That should provide you clues what sort of ambitious journalism is happening.
- Research Malheur County, Oregon, so you are fully advised of the territory and the basic economic and demographic structure of the community we serve.
- If after all that you remain interested, write an essay on why you want this experience, explaining your own objectives and needs and what in the research particularly made you decide this is where you want to spend your summer.

### ***Timeline:***

Submit an essay (and a bit of a bio/resume), do so by March 28. We will select by no later than April 12 and likely soon.

**Questions:**

As a journalist, you know how to ask questions, so fire away:  
[les@malheurenterprise.com](mailto:les@malheurenterprise.com).

- Les Zaitz, editor and publisher